

# Greenbelt News Review

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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## GHI Board Schedules Extra Meetings To Cope With Rehabilitation Issues

by James P. O'Sullivan

Issues and problems related to the rehabilitation program continued to dominate the attention of the Greenbelt Homes Board of Directors at their regular meeting on November 13. Action on attic insulation, structural additions, water meters and glass replacement and discussion of a number of other rehab-related questions captured most of the Board's time. A sign of the extra workload placed on the board and staff by rehab came when the board approved a motion to hold meetings every Thursday (public and religious holidays excepted) until further notice.

### Attic Insulation

By a vote of 5 to 2 the board

turned down a motion which would have permitted individual members to decide whether or not to insulate their attics. Directors Joe Jenkins, Della Donaldson, Carl Conrad, John Lewis and Steve Curtis all voted no on the motion. Directors Ed James and Wayne Williams voted yes. Under the defeated proposal uninsulated attics would have been insulated and brought up to GHI standards at the time of sale.

The proposal was placed on the agenda at the request of President Don Volk. Volk did not vote on the motion however, since the Chairman customarily only votes to break a tie. Board member Margaret Hogensen was representing GHI at a Metro hearing and was not present for the vote.

Some members have expressed opposition to attic insulation because of the inconvenience of

clearing and preparing the attic for the work; other members prefer not to use fiberglass insulation. After the conversion of GHI to electric heat, the cost of having an uninsulated attic would fall on the individual member.

Curtis, however, said that all of GHI's homes should be made energy efficient as soon as possible and that individuals should not be permitted to opt out of the program. Jenkins thought that letting people opt out might increase the costs of doing the insulation work.

See GHI BOARD page 8

### Lake Clean-up This Saturday

The Greenbelt Jaycees are sponsoring a cleanup of the lake this Saturday, Nov. 22 beginning at 10 a.m. The Department of Public Works will be providing trash barrels and trucks. The starting point will be in the parking lot in front of the playground.

### News Review Deadline

Next week's issue of the *News Review* will be published on Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will be open Monday, Nov. 24 from 8 to 10 p.m., instead of the usual Tuesday. Deadline for submission of articles and advertising will be 10 p.m. Monday at the office, and 4:30 p.m. Monday at the Twin Pines box.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The 30th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service sponsored by five religious organizations in Greenbelt will be held at the Greenbelt Community Church on Thursday, November 27, at 10:30 a.m. Sponsors are Baha'i Faith, Greenbelt Community Church, Mishkan Torah, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church and St. Hugh's Catholic Church. There will be a free will offering for the needy of Prince Georges County. The community is invited.

### Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday Thursday, November 27, 1980, there will be no refuse collection on that day. The regular Thursday route will be picked up on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY. Refuse collection for Monday, Tuesday and Friday will follow the regular schedule.

## Greenbelt Organizes Meeting To Encourage Metro Support

by Hally Ahearn

At a special meeting on Thursday, November 13, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld told representatives from Greenbelt's sister communities that there would be "no free lunch" for any of the communities in the path of the proposed Metro E route. Greenbelt will make room for a train yard and parking areas, is presently losing tax revenues on land set aside for Metro, and will face tremendous increases in traffic when the subway is built. "The need for Metro is an overriding concern," Weidenfeld said. "The people in our community are willing to accept it."

Greenbelt's city council scheduled the meeting with other community leaders, in advance of the public hearing on November 18, in an effort to gain support for giving the county council a clear message to proceed on the general plan alignment. Engineering and environmental impact studies on this alignment are completed but the route is still subject to modification. Proposed alternate routes, such as the Pallas alignment through parkland in University Park or the Adelphi Road alignment, would require new EIS

statements, followed by a new series of public hearings.

According to Gerald Gough and Lee Skillman, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) officials who were invited to the meeting to present WMATA's study of all the routes proposed at public hearing, new impact studies would take 18 months to two years to complete. The expense of further delay could ultimately strangle construction on this last leg of Metro to northern P.G.

See METRO, page 4

## "Do Not Cut Bus Service" Greenbelters Ask Metro

by Barbara Likowski

About 100 people attended a Metro hearing at Largo Senior High School Thursday night, November 13. The hearing was held to obtain citizens' views on proposed service cuts, fare increases and, in some cases, proposals to eliminate bus routes.

Speaking for Greenbelters were representatives from city council, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) and Citizens For Greenbelt (CFG) and individuals. They were joined by several county councilmen, representatives from neighboring communities such as Hyattsville and Berwyn Heights, speakers from Prince Georges Plaza, Landover Mall, Iverson Mall, the General Store, Inc., and many who spoke as private citizens.

Although no one seemed in favor of cutting evening or Saturday service, a few thought very poorly used lines might be cut.

Representing Greenbelt city council in place of Mayor Gil Weidenfeld who was unable to attend was Michael P. McLaughlin who informed Metro officials that the city council had unanimously passed a motion opposing a cutback in Metro service after 8 p.m. and on Saturdays within the city and had asked that Sunday service be instituted.

The city is served by three bus routes, F-6, R-12 and T-16, all three interface with metrorail stations. While Metrorail runs 7 days a week and as late as midnight on most nights, cutbacks are being considered in the feeder system that will prevent people from being able to use the entire system. This seems to be rather shortsighted, McLaughlin said. Also many residents rely on public transportation to get to work and cuts in service would impose "an untenable economic hardship" on them. Some may even have to move out of the city.

Council urged Metro and the Prince Georges Department of Transportation to seek other means of lessening the budget deficit besides service elimination. Possible alternatives might include longer headways for service, route consolidation and smaller bus size.

Richard Ley, president of Citizens For Greenbelt (CFG) applauded Metro staff efforts to make operations more efficient and to provide better service. He thought people would be willing to pay "reasonable rates for rea-

sonable service." Originally CFG intended to ask for Sunday service, he said, but "it appears we must fight to keep what we already have, namely Saturday and late evening service." Ley further stated that it was not sufficient just to look at routes traversed but other routes in the same general direction. "The bottom line," Ley added, "is - are we moving toward mass transit or continuing with private automobiles (for those who can afford it)? Do we have an energy crunch or don't we? Is Metro part of the solution or part of the problem?"

Ley also urged that the 1152 housing units in the Greenbriar area be serviced by a bus making a loop through that section where the people are instead of just going down Greenbelt Road.

Irene Hensel also spoke against the cuts in service and presented a petition from residents. Hensel's testimony as well as excerpts from McLaughlin's were shown on Channel 4 TV on the evening and morning news.

Josephine Vella presented a petition of 320 names, most of which were present bus riders. Other Greenbelters who spoke included Margaret Hogensen for GHI, Charles Hagelgans and Gabe Sucher who spoke for Americans for Democratic Action.

Petitions were also presented by people from Prince Georges County shopping centers. Prince Georges Plaza representatives protested that data prior to 1979 did not show a clear picture of present ridership.

Complaints about the quality of service were aired and these were given as reasons that people choose not to ride - frequent breakdowns, buses running behind or ahead of schedule, and seeming poor planning of some bus routes. As one speaker termed it, Prince Georges County seemed to be a "step-child" of the Metro system.

Metro decisions about the proposals will be announced after January 1.

(Barry Schlessinger also contributed to this article)

## 'Menagerie' Gets Five Stars

by Frank H. Hirschel

If you enjoy good live theater — if you want to watch professionals work — if you would like to see five top-notch show people make a Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie", come alive — come to the Utopia Theater either of the next two weekends. The Greenbelt Players are presenting continuing performances of this drama Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:15 p.m. and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. with a special matinee Sunday, November 30 at 2:15 p.m.

I must offer my congratulations to the staff of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, for this was the second outstanding event I have viewed this month at the Utopia Theater. It takes a great deal of work and luck to come up with good theater and art. Their work is noticed and appreciated.

Many of our leading actors make their reputations playing roles in Tennessee Williams' plays. The portrayal I attended this last Sunday evening took no back seat to any of our well known "Big Time" performers. Having seen Joanne Woodward in this play and Angela Lansbury at the Kennedy Center Saturday, I can easily report that Angela Schreiber as Amanda Wingfield on Sunday night was equally effective and in some instances superior to her contemporaries. She breathed life back into this part, showing both the inner emotion and outward everyday struggle that the author intended. She not only played Amanda, she was Amanda. If I tried to find any fault, it would have to be that she looked too handsome in the second act.

Bruce Pope, as her son, Tom, was new to me. That he was expertly cast and directed must give credit to the director, Cliff Smith. His stage presence, movement, voice and pacing were perfectly in tune with Angela Schreiber. Perhaps a little less motioning of the hands would be in order to an already strong rendition.

Janet Schreiber Cripe as the lame daughter, Laura, was perfect

in the first act. Her facial expressions, the quality of her voice and her over-all grasp of the role would please critic and audience alike. I was not entirely convinced that the second act came from the same mold. Perhaps some of the staging and undercurrent background music caused her to lose some touch with her character. The candle light on the floor could possibly have been changed and not retained for so long. If the music was supposed to come from a nearby "Dance Hall," it did not make its point. Less music, played much softer, with some up-beat tunes of that time period would have pleased me more than what suddenly seemed to emanate from an afternoon soap opera.

Paul Noga is a handsome Jim O'Conner, the gentleman caller. He knew his lines, moved well enough and did add to the play. That he is in such tough company is not his fault. Playing opposite these experienced actors is what he needs to improve and grow if an acting career is his desire.

The fifth performer was a heating unit, recently installed in the theater, which tried to steal the show. Thankfully, the cast won out. Bravos if you can quiet it down a bit.

All in all, this is top drawer theater which I strongly encourage would-be actors to see and study. It is good culture American style, about Americans during a trying period of time. Come and bring the whole family for highly entertaining and educational time well spent.



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## Five Stars For A First Class Performance at the Utopia

With a play of the importance of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie," the Greenbelt Players show they must be taken seriously. The mother-daughter team of Angela Schreiber and Janet Schreiber Cripe, who step naturally into the mother-daughter roles of the play, in fact drew favorable attention in a weekend issue of the *Washington Post*; and from what we hear from those in the community who attended the initial performances, the acclaim was well deserved. Husband and father, Tom Schreiber, has again designed a perfect setting for the Utopia's curtainless stage.

The Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center is to be commended for offering work of such fine quality. The Players deserve a good audience for their production, and Greenbelters could hardly find a better bargain in the arts. Let's all go to the play!

### The Knoxian View

#### To the Editor:

Martin Luther used to teach that anything not specifically forbidden in Scripture was permitted; John Knox, on the other hand, said anything not specifically permitted is forbidden. With respect to the reading of GHI bylaws, Bettie Denson seems to take a Lutheran stand, whereas I take a Knoxian stand.

It appears to me that since the bylaws specifically list in Articles III and IV the meetings which members may attend, it implies that they may not attend other meetings. It is even quite possible that the founders of the cooperative who wrote the first bylaws did not forbid attendance by members at staff meetings because it didn't occur to them that anyone would want to. However, this is a moot question, since Carl Conrad had staff permission to attend the meetings he attended. I believe it is not what he did at the meetings which has caused such consternation amongst staff and contractors on the rehabilitation project; it is what he is alleged to have said to staff and contractors after the meetings.

And speaking of the bylaws, Article V begins with the statement, "The property, business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors . . ." Later Article V says that the Board of Directors shall appoint, assign the duties of, and determine the salary of a general manager, who shall assume administrative control of the business of the Corporation. (emphasis is mine).

The general manager should be told of delinquencies on the part of employees, contractors, subcontractors, etc. He, then, can assign whatever employee he deems proper to investigate. If members go directly to the employee whom they deem proper they are not playing fair with the manager and are less likely to get results. There is a form "REHABILITATION/MAINTENANCE INFORMATION REQUEST" which can be used for this purpose. If any

member finds that his rehab work is not being done as he thinks it should, he should call 474-5566 and ask for such a form, fill it out, being specific as to the particular complaint, and send it to GHI, attention Kenneth Kopstein, General Manager.

Just saying on the form "It's a very poor job" won't do much good, but saying "My new roof leaks," or some other specific complaint, should get results. If it doesn't, send a copy of the complaint to the Board. I hope this last will not be necessary, and I think that it will not be.

I know that Conrad has the best interests of GHI at heart, and now that he knows that the extreme visibility of his presence in the rehabilitation project has been harmful to morale, I believe he will tone that presence down a little and give notes on anything he has found to the manager and/or the board, which is the common-sense way to handle anything of this sort. He also knows we have the Audit Committee spe-

### DINNER THEATRE

Petrucci's Main Street Dinner Theatre in Laurel will present the comedy thriller "Catch Me If You Can" Friday, November 21 through Sunday, January 25. The play is under the direction of Fay Jacobs and stars June Squier, Chris King and Dan Higgs. For reservations and more information, call 725-5226.

### Thanksgiving Day Service

Greenbelt Baptist Church will have its annual Thanksgiving Day Service at 10 a.m. on Nov. 27. There will be a program of traditional Thanksgiving hymns, special music, and a time to verbally share in gratitude. The public is invited. The church is located at Crescent and Greenhill Roads.

### What Russia Restricts, Immigrant Girl Celebrates

by Jordan Choper

On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 15, Zoya Shevtsov, daughter of Rita and Gregory Shevtsov, celebrated her Bat Mitzvah by leading part of the afternoon Mishkan Torah services and participating in the following Ma'ariv and Havdalah services. What made Zoya Shevtsov's Bat Mitzvah unique in the history of Mishkan Torah is that Zoya and her family are recent immigrants from Russia where it is illegal to receive religious instruction in Judaism.

Zoya and her family have lived in the United States about a year. Zoya attends the Hebrew Day School and lives in Langley Park.

It was symbolic that the Torah from which Zoya read was the scroll which Mishkan Torah had acquired 12 years ago. It is a relic of a Czechoslovakian Jewish community that was destroyed in World War II. Thus Zoya Shevtsov's Bat Mitzvah symbolized the survival of Judaic teachings under the most adverse conditions.

After the services, the Sisterhood of Mishkan Torah served a meal for those who attended.

cifically provided for in the bylaws to investigate anything which needs investigation.

Let's cool it, folks, and follow procedures provided for and see if we can't correct anything that is wrong in the rehab program and get along with it, without acrimony.

Janet M. James

## Community Thanksgiving Service

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### Hockey League Begins

The 1980-81 Capital Beltway Hockey League season began play with games in Prince Georges and Howard Counties in Maryland, in Fairfax, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Highlighting the first week of play was Capital Boys 4-0 shutout over Howard County in the Mid-get "A" (15-16 yr. old) Division. Marty Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Palmer of Fayette Place, made a total of 16 saves in the game, 5 coming in the closing minutes of the 3rd period. Besides tending the nets for the Capital Boys, Marty is also goaltending for the Eleanor Roosevelt Hockey team this season.

### Mowatt Memorial

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40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410

Church School 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.

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### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Ladies of Charity of St. Hugh's Parish will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., and on Sunday, Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. The Bazaar will be held in Grenoble Hall 135 Crescent Road. Hand crafted gift items, homemade baked goods and preserves, and plants will be featured. There will also be a table for children only, as well as raffles for special items. Added this year is a Luncheon Cafe at noon. Dessert and coffee will also be available during the Bazaar hour. Proceeds will be used to help the sick, elderly, and needy of the community.

### ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

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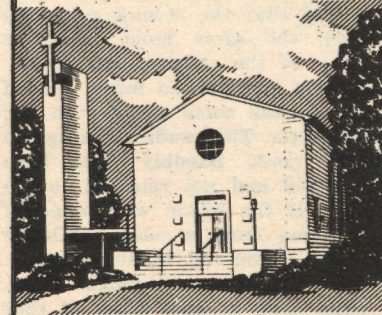
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8:00 pm

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### Greenbelt Community Church



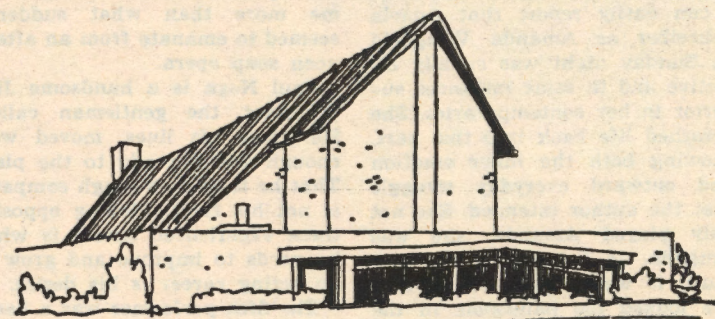
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Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111



## Cable TV

# Council Listens to Different Pitches County Tie-in vs Community Tailored

by Leta Mach

As it has several times in the last year, city council considered cable television at its October 20 session. Early in the evening, Vermillion Cablevision, Inc. gave a presentation. At a related work session October 15, Delores Early, Executive Director of the Prince Georges County Cable Television Commission, told council, "I appreciate the fact that your town is taking it very seriously; you're not in a race."

"Movies, sports, God and sex" in that order sells on cable TV, explained Early at the work session. These programs, along with national TV stations, cultural events, and special interest programs such as Spanish international can easily fill 40 channels today. The county expects to be offered a cable TV system of 52-104 channels, Early told council. In the future, she foresaw such two-way services as burglar alarms, opinion polls, shop-at-home, bank-at-home and central data bank. With scramblers and de-scramblers on the system, police data could also be transmitted securely. Philadelphia, she noted, has reduced prisoner escape rates by using cable TV for arraignments. Using cable TV for some of these services, would save money, she felt. However, Early called attention to the "economies of scale"—the view that only a large system can afford to provide these services.

Although the county will require one public access, one government, and one education channel, Early firmly expects to be offered many more. These local origination channels and the facilities for them are required within six months of turning on the system. The cable TV ordinance currently requires the public access channel 24 hours a day with no charge for five minutes of programming and additional programming at cost only. Because of the way the system is designed, more than one municipality can simultaneously use the channel if the telecast is limited to city boundaries. The cable TV Commission is currently working with educational groups and surveying community groups on their expected uses of local origination. Councilman Richard Castaldi suggested requiring students to spend time working on the system. One channel will also be required for regional interconnection.

Presently, municipalities have 30 days after the county awards a franchise, expected to be in August, to decide whether to join the county system. If the city should franchise now, Early felt it would not receive as many services. "The company will be conservative. They can't know if they have the county franchise yet." She felt the city could probably get the same services as the county if the city negotiated separately with the county company after it received the county franchise. However, she did not feel the city would receive anything more because, "I don't know if there would be much left." One disadvantage of franchising on its own would be that the city would handle more complaints. Early added that interconnection of separate systems was a "myth."

## Franchise Fees

Council's biggest concern about

opting in with the county system was about sharing franchise fees with the county. The county expects to get a 5% franchise fee. This money is to be used on "cable related activities." Council members speculated that the entire 5% could be so justified by the county and the city would not receive any share of the franchise fee. Council members suggested that the county cable TV law needed to be amended to insure that municipalities received a share of the franchise fee first. Several formulas were suggested.

City Manager James Giese presented his formula at the October 20 council meeting. He suggested that the city's proportionate share of the franchise fee should be split 50-50 with the county. The county would be entitled to a share for general administration and supervision of cable TV, and the city would be entitled for providing right-of-ways and handling complaints. He also suggested a contractual agreement between the city and county on the division of franchise fees.

The county Human Resources Committee is currently considering amendments to the cable TV bill. One of these would broaden the revenues used to determine the franchise fee from basic subscriber revenue to gross revenue, thus adding advertising and other revenues. Council moved to send a representative to the Human Resources Committee to support the proposed amendments and express the city's concern about municipalities sharing franchise revenues with the county.

Council did not feel it could make a decision yet on whether to join the county system or not. However, Councilman Richard Pilski expressed strong objections to joining the county system. He was concerned about receiving revenue from the county. "The City of Greenbelt has enough intelligence to grant a franchise and decide who can do it," he exclaimed.

## Vermillion Presentation

"A community this size is viable, there's absolutely no question about it; it can stand alone," stated Ed DeMarco. DeMarco and Charles Vermillion appeared before council on behalf of Vermillion Cablevision, Inc. The city must "select the most qualified applicant" DeMarco responded when asked how his company was different. All the equipment of the system would be technically compatible and identical to any other

county system. The company would also offer all the usual programs and a local origination channel.

"Responsiveness" and "a system tailored strictly for the City of Greenbelt" was offered. The crew, studio, trucks, offices, even the money generated would stay in Greenbelt. Most of the personnel hiring and purchasing would also be done in Greenbelt. Quick service was also promised by the local company.

The company, which would be called Greenbelt Cable Television, has broad experience, they explained. Charles and Claire Vermillion are former Greenbelters. Charles Vermillion is a former NASA employee. The Vermillions founded Dawn Engineering which joined with Smith-Cooper Associates. Smith-Cooper Associates are consultants for cable TV and have represented Boston and Philadelphia.

"A system operated by a private company strictly in the corporate limits is a natural fit," DeMarco felt. It would be a "personalized" system for Greenbelt, Vermillion promised.

## At Greenbelt Library

Saturday, Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m. - noon — House Plant Seminar. House plants under artificial light followed by a sick plant clinic.

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. (note change of day from Tuesday)—Children's Programs. Drop-in storytime, ages 3-5.

## Police Blotter

When requested, the Greenbelt Police will escort women to their homes at night. Call 474-7200.

An apartment on Hanover Parkway was entered and silverware and jewelry were stolen. A house in Boxwood was also entered during the day and two handguns and cash were stolen.

An arrest was made at the Beltway Plaza for indecent exposure.

Pfc. Craddock and Justin arrested a man for attempted theft from an auto when the suspect was observed lying down and removing wheels from a parked vehicle at Capitol Cadillac. Pfc. Justin also arrested two suspects as a result of a traffic stop and charged them with possession of drugs.

A house on Bird Lane was also entered during the day. A TV, camera and jewelry was stolen.

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## Chip Sacra Award Given At Annual Raider Bowl

by Robert Mongelli

On Saturday, November 15, the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club held their annual Raider Bowl at Braden Field with all five Greenbelt football teams playing an invited team. Even though the weather was cold and overcast, the crowd was enthusiastic. Some of the Greenbelt teams won and some lost, but the good will and sportsmanship shown by home and visitor teams alike was apparent to all who viewed the games.

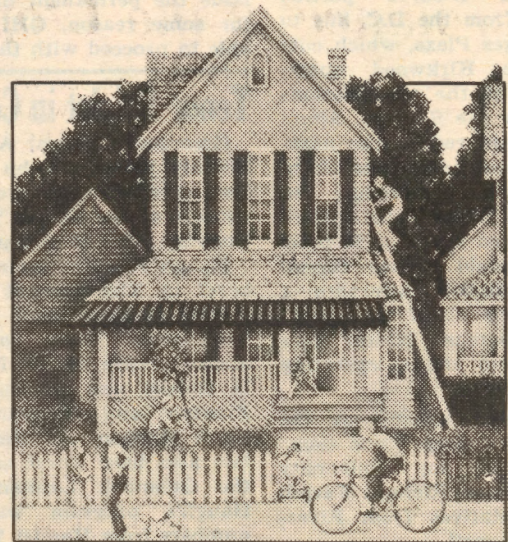
The highlight of the day's activities was the annual presentation of the "Chip" Sacra Memorial Sportsmanship Award for 1980 given to one member of the Greenbelt football teams. This year's winner was Alex Astrayka of the 95 lbs. team. Runners-up for the award were Jessie Cho, 75 lbs. team; Eric Mongelli, 85 lb. team; Craig Dies, 105 lb. team;

and Andy Hanks, 115 lb. team.

Chip, who died on September 16, 1979 was a member of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club for five years and was active in both football and basketball. Because of his good sportsmanship and willingness to work hard, a sportsmanship award was created as the best way to remember him.

The award is presented to one member of the football teams, each year for 10 years which is the length of time a youngster can belong to the Boys and Girls Club. The name of the youngster selected for the award is engraved on a memorial plaque which hangs in the Youth Center.

This year Johanna Sacra, Chip's sister, played on one of the Greenbelt football teams. She is the first girl to participate in Greenbelt football.



## The American Dream is alive and well. And flourishing in Greenbelt.

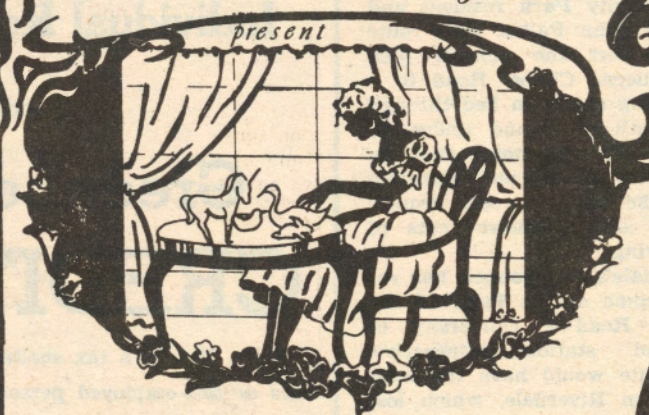
Whenever you grasp the opportunity to improve your way of life, you're living the American Dream. At First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Annapolis, we're working hard to help make your dreams come true.

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## The Greenbelt Players



## the Glass Menagerie

by Tennessee Williams

Nov. 21, 1980 — 8:15 pm

Nov. 22, 1980 — 8:15 pm

Nov. 23, 1980 — 7:30 pm

### UTOPIA THEATRE

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## METRO SUPPORT

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Skillman said: "Our job is to present engineering information to the public as accurately as we can." He showed how some of the proposals made at public hearing actually alleviated engineering and impact problems and reduced construction and operating costs. These changes were incorporated as proposed modifications to the general plan.

Skillman also outlined construction and operating costs for the proposed Pallas and Adelphi Road alignments. Both proposed routes would increase construction and operating costs, but in increased ridership on the Adelphi route would nearly cover increased operating costs.

### S-Curve Design

The public hearing before the county council will consider only the so-called "S-curve" portion of the line, from the D.C. line to Prince Georges Plaza, which cuts through the Kirkwood apartments. One of the modifications suggested for the S-curve. Alternate 1A, would reduce the number of apartment units taken from 260 to 88 while improving the curve so that trains could operate at an increased speed of 55 mph. This plan would reduce capital costs by \$200,000. Alternate 1 would preserve all of the apartments but increase capital costs by \$500,000 and annual operating costs by \$300,000.

Among those present at the meeting were College Park councilman Chester Joy. University Park councilman Richard Farrell and representatives from Riverdale's city council.

Joy's proposal to move College Park's station to Riverdale was recently defeated by his city council. Joy's first preference would be to extend the northern portion of the line along Adelphi Road, with a station at the University of Maryland. Joy is seeking to block the general plan which calls for a station at Calvert Road and the closing of this major connection between Kenilworth Avenue and Route 1. A new road, the Paint Branch Parkway, is planned to carry the Calvert Road traffic.

Farrell favors the Pallas alignment proposed at public hearing by University Park resident and engineer John Pallas. This route would divert the general plan from Queens Chapel Road to a path along a stream bed through the town's park and under its armory. Skillman noted that diverting the stream and tunneling under the armory would require difficult and expensive feats of engineering.

Riverdale's city council has recently come out in favor of the Adelphi Road / University of Maryland station alternative. This route would have the least impact on Riverdale, which lost 180 homes to construction of the East-West Highway bridge between Kenilworth Avenue and Route 1. The county council is reportedly sensitive to any adverse impact by Metro on Riverdale for this reason.

Greenbelt city councilman Thomas X. White reminded those present that "We'll be getting the yard and the parking lot, but we're willing to take that because we think Metro is so critical to northern Prince Georges County."

Councilman Richard Castaldi noted that P.G. residents will pay for Metro—whether they get it or not. "With increases of 10 million dollars per year of delay, we may lose Metro in this corridor. Any more delays and we're hurting ourselves," he said.

# GHI Receives City Support On Interim Loan for Rehab

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt Homes, Inc., with city cooperation, is trying to find a way around the present turmoil in the bond market, with the hope of an improved interest rate when rehabilitation revenue bonds are issued.

GHI has been negotiating with the Maryland Community Development Administration to provide short-term interim financing for the rehabilitation work until the revenue bond market offers more favorable interest rates. If this effort is successful, MCDA's interim financing would permit GHI up to six months to secure permanent financing through city (or state) revenue bonds. The MCDA interim financing carries an 8½ percent interest rate. If MCDA agrees to provide interim financing, the agency must simultaneously give GHI a commitment to issue the permanent financing if, for some reason, GHI were unable to proceed with the proposed

city revenue bond issue.

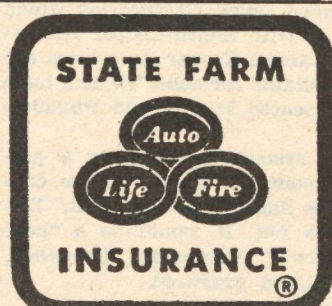
GHI is attempting to get from MCDA both the interim financing and the commitment for permanent financing prior to January 1, 1981. In the opinion of GHI's underwriters and bond counsel, this timing of the action would most likely exempt GHI from any potential future Federal legislation restricting the issuance of mortgage-backed revenue bonds. Before MCDA could approve the GHI request, approval by the local government (in this case the city) is needed. City council, by resolution passed during its Nov. 17 meeting, gave the necessary approval.

## Tenor Soloist in Concert

Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center proudly presents John Haugh, a leading Washington area tenor, in concert at the Utopia Theater on Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 8 p.m.

Haugh recently portrayed "Hubert" in *The Student Prince*, a Prince Georges Civic Opera Co. Production. Other accomplishments include "Ralph Rackstraw" in Gilbert and Sullivan's *H.M.S. Pinafore* and "Bastian" in Mozart's *Bastian and Bastiana*. He has also been guest soloist with the Greenbelt Lanham Chorale. Haugh's program will include numbers from Handel, Bach, Chopin, Verdi and Mendelssohn.

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## New Ball Fields Complex Christened "Northway Fields"

by Bill Rowland

In action taken at the October 20 regular meeting, the city council adopted a new name for the ballfield located on the former landfill site, approved deferral of road improvements on Ridge Rd., and took steps to modify the Baltimore-Washington Parkway ramp near the Greenway Shopping Center.

### Northway Fields

The athletic fields at the end of Northway Road, on the site of the former landfill, are now to be known formally as "Northway Fields." In thus accepting the suggestion of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board in its Report 980, council did so with the understanding that the new name could be temporary.

Council and City Manager James Giese then discussed briefly two other PRAB recommendations relating to the condition of the road leading to Northway Fields and litter along the road. Giese noted that fillwork and grading of the gravel road have already been done, that continuing maintenance will be needed, and that eventually council may have to consider appropriating funds to improve the road. Giese further said that city crews recently removed the litter and debris, and that he has requested the placement of trash containers along the road.

### Greenway Center Access

The city has received permission from the State Highway Administration and from the U.S. Dept. of Interior to modify the ramp from the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to Greenbelt Rd. This is a part of the improvements to Greenbelt Rd. being done to provide access to the Greenway Shopping Center development. City council authorized the city manager to reach contractual agreement with Western Construction Co. regarding the additional road work needed. Western Construction has agreed, and Greenway Center Associates has concurred.

### Inter-County Connector

The council voted its support of a proposed State bill that would prohibit spending any more funds for the study or construction of the Inter-County Connector highway between I-95 and I-270.

At its October 6 meeting, City Council agreed to adoption for city employees of a new health insurance benefit feature offered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield to its subscribers. The feature will help pay the cost of planned cardiac rehabilitation treatment an employee might need such as after a heart attack or heart surgery. The city manager noted that as of January 1, 1981, the Blue Cross/Blue Shield terms will be further modified to include state-mandated coverage for drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Costs to the city of these several new health insurance benefits for employees are not yet known.

Council unanimously approved purchase of a photocopier machine for the city office at a bid price of \$7,785. Purchase in lieu of the previous rental arrangement is expected to save the city two to three hundred dollars a year.

## Festival of Lights

The city's ninth annual offering of weekly holiday programs, throughout the month of December, is fast approaching. Over the weekend of December 5, 6 and 7, the Festival will open with the traditional Craft Show and Sale at the Greenbelt Youth Center. A full complement of craftsmen from all around the Greater Metropolitan area will be exhibiting. Continuing through the month, weekly holiday events will include concerts, decorating contests,

## CITY NOTES

The parks crew finished repairing vehicle damage to Northway Fields, and then seeded the ballfields. The Springhill Lake Golf Course was also seeded.

Grass throughout the city has been cut for the last time this year.

The leaf vacuum was scheduled to begin collections on November 15.

The general crew has installed salt spreaders on two city trucks. Caroling, Santa's visit and much more.

## Rehabilitation Briefs

by Pat Estel  
474-2300

All subcontractors are now at work. They are putting on roofs and vents, crawl space work, sidewall insulation, phone work, attic partitions, siding and structural repairs where needed, electric testing and grounding, plumbing improvements and windows. There are 189 buildings containing 992 units in Phase 1, all frame homes.

### Roofs and Vents

Roofs have been installed on 68 rows, (1/3 of the total). Most of the damage to shrubs and plants is done when the strippers strip the old roof. Members may want to transplant or protect their shrubs and plants before the strippers arrive.

### Crawl Space

Crawl space improvements have been completed in 56 rows. Work on the crawl space includes 1) clear out debris and make a uniform surface, 2) cut trench for drain system next to footer (base of foundation), 3) inspection, 4) drain tile installed and well for sump pump dug, 5) drain system gravelled, 6) inspection, 7) vapor barrier installed and all loose pipes, wires, and insulation fastened, 8) final inspection and 9) sump pump hook-up by electrician.

### Sidewall Insulation

Sidewall insulation has been installed in 72 rows of homes. These are the rows with strips removed about every four rows up the building. The cellulose insulation will enter homes through cracks or holes in the walls. But it is a paper product and will vacuum or sweep up easily. Another problem is nail pops. It is best to wait until the rest of Phase 1 is concluded before repairing, because nail pops may recur.

### Phone Work

C&P is doing phone work which involves mainly hiding the wires both outside and inside.

### Attic Partitions

Attic partitions have been completed in 16 rows. With installation of sealed partitions according to fire code regulations, there will be no more "common" attics, members will have their own. Also, if no attic opening exists now in a unit, one will be installed at this time. Work on attic partitions may also cause nail pops in the ceiling.

### Structural

Structural damage involves termite problems and steam leak problems. They are being corrected by a carpenter crew, who checks each building for damage after or during the time the sidewall insulators are working and reports back to GHIDC.

### Electric

The electrician has completed 40 rows, 210 units. (About seven units a day.) He checks outlets to see if they are properly grounded, installs grounded outlets and installs one new outlet in the kitchen and a ground fault interceptor in the bathroom. He will need to enter members' homes for about 3 to 4 hours. If members have already done electrical work, the electrician still will have to enter to check it and approve it.

### Plumber

The plumber has completed one row. The work involves cutting away part of the bathroom and kitchen walls. Since two units share common plumbing only one wall needs this extensive cutting. The plumber will examine both units to determine which wall to go through. He will replace drywall and attempt to replace cut tile. (If members have spare tiles that match, the plumber should have notice of this.) While he is not required to replace these tiles, the plumber has been very cooperative in assisting members.

### Windows

Double hung, thermo-pane, energy efficient windows have been installed for demonstration purposes in 12 court Ridge on the heating plant, and members who wish may view them. One row in 73 Court Ridge has been completed. The windows are installed from the outside and installers will not need to enter members homes to do this work. However, curtains and drapes should be removed or secured. Plants should be moved and anything attached to window frames should be removed. Awnings should be taken down until this work is completed. Members are responsible for removing and replacing storm windows at their own expense.

Members who wish to keep the old windows (rather than getting new ones) must have them inspected and approved by the Staff Engineer (Ove Kongsted, 474-6682) before the installer arrives. Old windows must be operable and in excellent condition. GHI will not maintain these windows after rehab and they will become the responsibility of the member. (Old storm windows may need to be trimmed or replaced after wood frame is capped.)

### Attic Insulation

Attics must be completely cleaned and flooring completely removed. Two inches of fiberglass insulation will be blown in. Present insulation has R-11 value, what is added will bring it up to R-18. Future heating bills will be borne by the members. If members wish to install their own insulation in the attic, this work must be done before Dec. 1 when the insulation subcontractor will arrive.

### Additions

Rehabilitation to additions is being discussed by the board. At this time members who wish to have rehab work done on additions must subcontract out for the work. Those who have suggestions or questions should call Pat Estel 474-2300.

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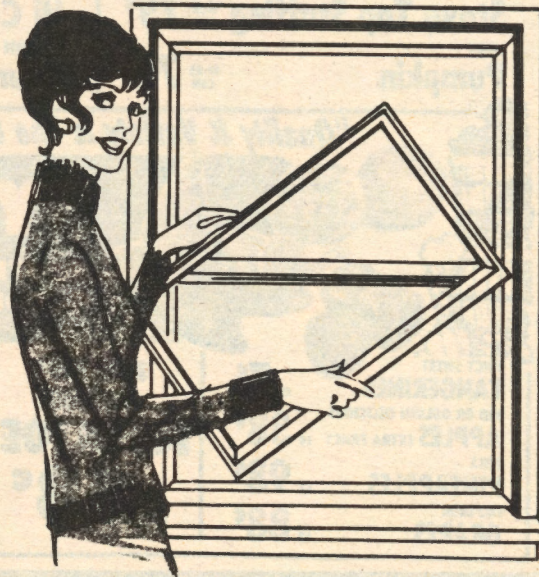
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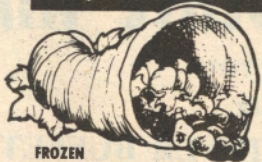
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## Recreation Review

### Thanksgiving Turkey Shoot

Boys and girls, ages 9-12 and 13-16, are invited to compete in this annual foul shooting contest. Competition will be held at both the SLRC and the Youth Center on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. Winners will receive a CO-OP Gift Certificate which may be used towards the purchase of a turkey.

### Recreation Centers Holiday Hours

The city's Recreation Centers will be open on an extended basis for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 27 and Friday, Nov. 28. Both the Youth Center and SHLRC are offering open gym, table games and a lounge room with television, music and relaxation from noon - 10 p.m. Vacationing residents of all ages are invited to drop by. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!!!

### Basketball Practice Schedules Set

All basketball players take note that permits for reserved court use, in the city's recreation centers will be in effect as of Monday, Nov. 24. Permits for Rec. Dept. sponsored programs have first priority for use. Gymnasium schedules are posted with full details on youth, adult and open hours of court use at each center. Additionally, several area schools offer open gym hours to the public. Local gyms are open as follows: Sundays, Greenbelt Junior High School, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### "Kid of the Week"

The "Kid of the Week" program at Center School began November 7. Honored for their good work, improved working habits and good citizenship were: kindergarten, Mark Riva and David Boswell; 2nd grade, Josh Arson and Jonathon Schacter; 3rd, Kim Miller; 4th, Georgene Dingler and Amy Niles; 5th, Eric Mongelli and Kelli Beck; 6th, Doug Van Deusen and Sharnell Mack and P. E., Adrian Wright.

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Army Sergeant Ralph L. Wilcher, son of Tille E. McCray, participated in "Certain Rampart," a field training exercise held in the center of Bavaria, West Germany, in September.

On November 14, Alice Hartz of Springhill Lake and her bridge partner flew to Lancaster, Pa. Winners of District 6 competition, they competed against 24 other districts of the American Contract Bridge League for the title of "Grand National Rookie Pair."

## Fun Runs

The Greenbelt Running Club's semi-monthly Fun Runs this Saturday will include a 1/4 mile, 1 mile and 4 miles around Greenbelt Lake. All runners should meet behind the Bandstand by 9 a.m., and be dressed to run. Color-coded certificates will be awarded to all finishers. For further information, call Larry Noel at 474-9362.

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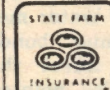
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James, however, was willing to let members make a choice once he was satisfied that the money to cover the cost of insulating at the time of resale could be guaranteed. General Manager Kenneth Kopstein said that sufficient funds from the proceeds at the time of sale could be escrowed to cover the cost. James pointed out that for some of the members insulating at the time of resale would be much easier since the attic would be empty.

As a result of the board's action all members must permit their attics to be insulated. The board has already authorized the manager to take certain legal steps to require a member to insulate who refuses to cooperate.

## Additions Under Rehab

The board officially adopted the standards for construction of service side additions as outlined in the joint report of the A&E and E&M Committees. Additions which employ one of three approved designs will require only a brief review. Additions which do not employ one of the three approved designs but which conform to the standards outlined in the joint report will also receive expedited treatment. A longer review process, however, will be required for additions which do not use an approved design and which do not meet the guidelines in the joint report. The board also approved a motion that management obtain a stop work order from the county against any additions being constructed without the proper county permits.

After extensive discussion, however, the board took no action on management's request to include \$200,000 in the revenue bond issue for members who wish to upgrade structural additions to GHI standards under the rehabilitation program. Management favored assisting those members who wish to bring non-standard additions up to standard but who do not have the financing. Approximately 275 to 300 homes in GHI have additions, most of which are not up to standard. The board declined to take action at this time.

## Frame Home Water Meters

The board tabled a motion to delete individual water meters for the frame homes from the rehabilitation program. Management had recommended deletion because of the high cost per hookup. In addition to the basic cost of the meter (\$115) and a permit fee (\$15), WSSC indicated that the hookup charge per meter would be about \$500. Management had indicated that the deletion of the \$150,000 earmarked for water meters from the revenue bonds would not adversely affect the bonds. Management also pointed out that the water pipe system is designed to permit future installation of meters if it should become feasible. The board, however, wanted more information before making a decision.

## Frame Vinyl Siding

Kopstein also reported on the current status of GHI's effort to obtain approval of vinyl siding for frame homes. Kopstein said that HUD will be sending a letter to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation urging the Council to change its ruling and permit the use of vinyl siding. Kopstein said that there is no action that GHI can take on this matter at this time since GHI must work through HUD. Kopstein said that HUD is favorable to GHI's views, and that GHI must simply wait for HUD to act. One reason for the delay, according to Kopstein, is that HUD at present has only one staff person dealing with environmental concerns. President Volk indi-

cated that the city council has also asked HUD for a quick resolution of this matter.

## Glass Replacement

The board approved a motion by Curtis to establish a reserve fund to pay for replacement of window glass after rehabilitation. Participation in the fund will be optional and members who wish to join will be assessed an additional fee in their monthly charges. In setting up the fund the board decided not to follow management's recommendation that GHI assume responsibility for maintenance of glass windows after rehabilitation. Board member Margaret Hogensen pointed out that repair of the new windows will be more costly and that some members may be unable to afford replacement and may simply cardboard over the empty panes. Hogensen was concerned about such an adverse impact on the appearance of the community.

Bettie Denson presented her request to the board that Director Carl Conrad be invited to attend all meetings of subcontractors of the rehabilitation program. She indicated that 96 members had responded thus far to her ad in the *Greenbelt News Review* and had returned signed requests that Conrad attend such meetings as their representative. Denson presented the 96 requests to President Volk, who accepted them and indicated that he had received 3 additional responses directly. No action was taken on this matter.

## Member Request for Roommate

On a split 4-3 vote the board approved management's recommendation that a member request for a roommate be denied because it is contrary to GHI regulations and provisions in the Mutual Ownership Contract. Board members Jenkins, Conrad, Curtis and Lewis voted to deny the request with Williams, James and Donaldson dissenting.

Jenkins said he was opposed to dealing with the problem of requests for roommates by means of special exceptions. Jenkins said that current GHI policy clearly prohibits roommates and that the board should address that basic policy rather than make exceptions. Jenkins felt that it would be relatively easy to reconsider and change that policy if that was the wish of the membership. Curtis suggested that the matter be referred to the Member Relations Committee for recommendation.

Williams, however, said that he did not mind making an exception to the GHI policy and said that he would favor an exception in this instance. Williams asked if the requesting member had been informed that this item would be on the agenda and Manager Kopstein said that he did not know if the member had been notified.

James also favored an exception. He pointed out that there were at least two dozen instances of violation of the roommate ban occurring at the present time. James felt it was wrong to permit these violations and then turn down someone who observes proper procedure and makes a request to the board.

Audit committee member Katherine Keene felt the roommate ban was an unfortunate and discriminatory policy. She said that single people should be permitted to have roommates.

President Don Volk wanted to know if a change in policy at this time would affect any court cases. Kopstein said no, so the way is apparently clear for a reconsideration of the GHI policy on roommates. Volk promised to put the matter on the regular agenda of a future meeting.

## Roosevelt Information For Bethune Parents

A representative from Eleanor Roosevelt High School will present film clips and give information about the school on Monday, Nov. 24. The program will be held at Mary Bethune Jr. High School at 8 a.m. in the multipurpose room. Parents and students are invited. For more information call 773-3206.

## Post Season Football

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is offering a post season tournament competition over the Thanksgiving holiday. Turkey Bowls are scheduled on Braden Field in the Fourth Men's Touch and Second Women's Flag Football beginning Saturday, Nov. 22. Games will be played over the weekend with championship games on Thanksgiving morning. Scheduled are:

Men's: Sat., 9:30 a.m. — FCS vs. Monarchs; 10:45 a.m. — Misfits vs. Designs & Drinks; Sun., noon — Jewel & Company; 1:15 p.m. — Enterprise Carpets; Thurs., 10:45 a.m. — Championship Game.

Women's: Sat., noon — Linda's Fashions vs. Free State Cycle; 1:15 p.m. — Barrett's Bombers vs. Carsons; Sun., 10:45 a.m. — Buck Distributor/Miller Lite; 9:30 a.m. — Waldenbooks; Thurs., 9:30 a.m. — Championship Game.

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## Pending NLRB Complaint

An item of information in the Manager's Memorandum for the board meeting indicated the NLRB has scheduled a hearing on the pending charges of unfair labor practices against GHI for September 8, 1981. Member Charles Schwan noted that this matter has never been reviewed by the board as a regular agenda item. President Don Volk said that the matter will be placed on the agenda of the next regular meeting.

The board unanimously approved management's recommended increase in garage rents. Beginning January 1, 1981, garage rents for open garages will be increased from \$11 to \$12, and from \$14 to \$15 for closed garages.

The board tabled a motion which would have approved management's recommendation for an 8% across-the-board cost of living increase for all staff.

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